

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A polishing pad comprising a polishing part made of a composition comprising a water-insoluble matrix and water-soluble particles dispersed in said water-insoluble matrix,

wherein said water-insoluble matrix consists essentially of a crosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer and a polyolefinic resin other than an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer that is uncrosslinked or crosslinked, and does not contain crosslinked 1,2-polybutadiene and the content of said crosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer is 10% by weight or more based on 100% by weight of the total of said water-insoluble matrix.

Claims 12-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A polishing pad comprising a polishing part made of a composition comprising a composition obtained by subjecting a crosslinkable polymer composition to a crosslinking treatment to form a water-insoluble matrix consisting essentially of a cross-linkable water-insoluble polymer and a polyolefinic resin other than an ethylene-vinylacetate copolymer that is uncrosslinked or crosslinked and does not contain an acid anhydride group, a carboxyl group, a hydroxyl group, an epoxy group, and an amino group, and water-soluble particles dispersed in the crosslinkable polymer composition,

wherein said crosslinkable water-insoluble polymer comprises uncrosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer and does not comprise uncrosslinked 1,2-polybutadiene; the content of said uncrosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer being 10% by weight or more

based on 100% by weight of the total of said water-insoluble matrix; and at least part of said uncrosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer is crosslinked by said crosslinking treatment.

Claims 15-26 (Canceled).

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A polishing pad according to Claim 14 wherein said uncrosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer is 30 to 70% and of the polyolefinic resin that is uncrosslinked is 30-70% of the material forming the water-insoluble matrix.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A polishing pad comprising a polishing part made of a composition comprising a water-insoluble matrix and water-soluble particles dispersed in said water-insoluble matrix,

wherein said water-insoluble matrix consists essentially of partly crosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer and a polyethylene that does not contain an acid anhydride group, a carboxyl group, a hydroxyl group, an epoxy group and an amino group, and does not contain crosslinked 1,2-polybutadiene; and the content of said crosslinked ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer is 10% by weight or more based on 100% by weight of the total of said water-insoluble matrix.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): A polishing pad according to Claim 27 wherein the water-soluble particles are cyclodextrin particles.

Claims 30-32 (Canceled)

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Claim 33 (Previously Presented): A polishing pad according to Claim 14 wherein the polyolefinic resin component of the composition to be subjected to said cross-linking treatment is uncrosslinked polyolefinic resin.